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### Elba Water & Electric Board invests in the leaders of tomorrow

Members of the local utility board checked on its investment in today's young people and the leaders of tomorrow.

Tim Johnson, Chairman and Elba Mayor James E. Grimes, Superintendent, from the Elba Water and Electric Board visited the Elba Elementary School recently to see kindergarten and first grade students at work in a Writing to Read computer lab.

The Elba W & E Board recently made a sizable donation to the program which helps students develop reading and writing skills.

The local board and its wholesale electricity supplier, Alabama Electric Cooperative (AEC) in Andalusia, AL, helped install the Writing to Read computer lab in 1996.

They participated in a three-way funding program coordinated in association with the State Department of Education.

The funding formula divides the cost of computerized literacy labs between local schools, the Governor's Office, and a statewide network of business and industry supporters, such as the Elba W & E Board and AEC.

During the classroom visit, Johnson and Mayor Grimes presented a plaque to the school stating the Writing to Read computer lab is a gift from the Elba W & E Board. The plaque will be displayed in the lab.

Writing to Read is a computer-assisted reading and writing instructional program that combines computers, audiotapes, and books with conventional teaching methods to help young students develop their literacy skills.

Through funds contributed by AEC and 13 of its Alabama member-

owners, 26 city and county elementary schools in south and central Alabama implemented Writing to Read during the 1996-97 school year.

Alabama Electric Cooperative, with its headquarters in Andalusia, is a generation and transmission cooperative that provides wholesale electrical power to its four Alabama member-municipalities, 12 Alabama distribution cooperative members, and one industrial distributor throughout south and central Alabama and northwest Florida.



PLAQUE PRESENTATION...Pictured above presenting the plaque to the Elba Elementary School is Elba Mayor James E. Grimes; Elba Elementary School Principal Judy Killingsworth; Elba W & E Board Chairman Tim Johnson; and Elba Elementary School Aide Sandy Johnson.

### New Brockton Town Council's meeting brief

by Marvin McLwain - Editor

The monthly meeting of the New Brockton Town Council lasted less than twenty minutes Monday evening.

The main items of business was setting holiday closing for the town and approving payment of the monthly bills totalling \$31,304.38.

Mayor Britt Lee commented on the amount of the bills noting that several loan payments were made as well as the first installment on the new phone system recently installed in city hall.

Council members approved a one-time pay raise for the employees of the town as a Christmas bonus. Full-time employees will receive \$50 while part-time employees will get \$25.

Employees will also be given time off Thursday and Friday, December 25 & 26, for the Christmas holidays and Thursday and Friday, January 1 & 2, for the New Year's holiday.

Mayor Lee made the council aware of the pending class action lawsuit concerning the collection of sales tax within the police jurisdiction. The suit has been ongoing for the past three years.

The town has been notified that its share - thus far - of the legal fees is \$70. It is possible that the town will have to pay up to \$1,000 at a later date depending on whether or not the class action is settled at the present time.

"It's not a matter of choice it was a matter of chance that once the suit was filed all cities were incorporated in the lawsuit so we don't have any choice but to pay our share," said Lee.

Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that his department has investigated 10 complaints, made 1 arrest, and investigated 3 traffic accidents with no injuries.

Police officers issued 42 traffic citations (33 speeding, 1 for driver's license revoked, 3 for driver's license suspended, 3 for no driver's li-

cense, 1 for running a stop sign for the month, and 1 for an expired tag) for the month.

The council gave Mayor Lee approval to proceed with correcting a drainage problem between Jones and Vester Cole streets.

During the general business session, Councilmember Linda Gilbert stated that she had received positive response to the increased enforcement of the town's traffic laws.

She stated that a local kindergarten owner had noted that prior to the stepped up enforcement, she had witnessed several near misses involving school buses and speeding vehicles.

"She is glad to see the police out," said Gilbert.

"I know that we have made a lot of enemies, but if we have saved one life somewhere during the process, it is worth it," commented Mayor Lee.

Councilman Charles Cole commented members of the rescue squad on their response time during a recent situation at his church.

His only concern was the length of time it took to get the call out to the rescue squad that they were needed.



MAYOR BUYS FIRST ONE...Elba's commemorative Christmas Ornaments are now available at a cost of \$10 each. This year's ornament feature Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. Elba Mayor James E. Grimes is pictured above purchasing the first one from Executive Director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce Renita Marler. The ornaments may be purchased from the following businesses: Medical Arts Pharmacy, Bradley's Florist, The Jewel Box, The Peoples Bank, RiCay Jewelers, Haywood Drugs, and the Chamber of Commerce.

### Governor proclaims Winter Weather Preparedness Week

Governor Fob James has proclaimed this week, December 1 through 5, as Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Alabama.

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) joins the National Weather Service, the Alabama EMA, and the American Red Cross in informing the public about winter weather and how it impacts the state of Alabama.

As a southern state, Alabama may not be thought of as a state directly impacted by severe winter weather.

However, historically, winter weather has been the primary cause of weather related deaths and injuries in Alabama for some years.

Alabama was fortunate during the winter of 1996-97 with only one significant winter storm which created havoc across ten northern counties.

Now, as the winter season approaches, is the time for one to prepare himself, family, home, and friends for the dangers and hazards a winter storm can bring.

Keep ahead of a winter storm by listening to the latest weather warnings and bulletins on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, local radio and TV stations, or cable TV for updates.

Be alert to changing weather conditions and avoid unnecessary travel. Some areas to be concerned about are:

- Check battery powered equipment before the storm arrives. Portable radio and/or TV will be useful in obtaining weather information. Also check emergency cooking facilities and flashlights.

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### Coffee County EMA has own World Wide Web site

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency is now on the World Wide Web.

The new service will provide information on emergency preparedness in the event of thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, and hazardous chemical disasters to name a few.

The Web site also has information on family disaster and supplies kit. It will also connect the local agency with other emergency support agencies like the Red Cross and the Salvation Army as well as other agencies around the state and world.

"Emergency management activities at every level - federal, state and local - feel that preparedness is the key to reducing the impact of any disaster," said Charles Webb, Coffee County EMA Director.

The Web site was developed by Terry Wilkins, Deputy Director of

the Coffee County EMA.

"This is just the beginning," said Wilkins. "There will be a lot more to come in the way of information pertaining to agencies in Coffee County."

Wilkins plans to provide more information to children who are now using the Internet and bring the information to a level that they can identify with and understand.

"To our knowledge, this is the first Web site in the State of Alabama for the emergency management," said Wilkins.

"We welcome any suggestions or comments as we continue to try and meet the needs of the citizens of Coffee County and the Wiregrass area through this forum," he added.

The Coffee County EMA Web site can be found at: [www.snowhill.com/~twilkins](http://www.snowhill.com/~twilkins).

### \* \* HAPPENINGS \* \*

**ELBA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL RESCHEDULED.** The Annual Elba Christmas Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday, December 13, 1997, on Elba's Historic Courthouse Square. The day's festivities will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude around 5:00 p.m.

**COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**VIETNAM VETS MEET.** Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., will hold its monthly meeting at the VFW in Daleville, AL on Thursday (TODAY), December 4, 1997, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public. All veterans and their families are welcome. For more information call (334)598-8804 or (334)347-1426.

**SENIOR ADULTS' LUNCHEON.** All Coffee County Senior Adults are invited to attend a Christmas luncheon on Friday, Dec. 5, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton. Lunch will be served at 11:00 a.m. This event is being sponsored jointly by Fran Gardner at the Coffee County DHR, Kimberly Johnson-Hardy of Circuit Judge Gary L. McAlleey's office, Vicki Fulford, and Larry Murphy. Entertainment will be provided and Santa and Mrs. Claus will be present. For more information contact Fran at 347-5865 or Kimberly at 347-7760.

### Alabama State Troopers step up commercial vehicle enforcement

Alabama State Troopers are working to increase highway safety in Alabama by stepping up commercial vehicle enforcement aimed at reducing traffic crashes involving large trucks.

During the next 12 months, Public Safety's Motor Carrier Safety Unit will focus enforcement statewide in areas with high concentrations of commercial vehicle traffic.

During a six-day period each month, teams of approximately 20 state troopers will conduct saturation

patrols in the selected regions.

"In an effort to prevent crashes involving commercial vehicles, the patrols will place special emphasis on violations commonly indicated in commercial crashes," said Col. L. N. Hagan, director of the Alabama Department of Public Safety (DPS).

He said, "The goal of this program is to take appropriate enforcement action as preventive measures

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BELLS ARE RINGING... That jingling bell being heard at the entrance to the Big Bear is being rung by a volunteer with the Salvation Army. Each year at Christmas time, volunteers man buckets and urge Christmas shoppers to pitch in and help by placing their spare change - and dollars - in buckets located in various places. This is one of the main fundraising projects of the Salvation Army. Anyone wishing to volunteer their time ringing the bell should call Shirley Henderson at 897-6584 or Jean Moore at 897-2841. The "bucket" will be in place through December 24th (Christmas Eve). Anyone who feels they need assistance during this time of the year should go by the Salvation Army headquarters at 202 N. Main Street in Enterprise. Their needs will be evaluated to see if they meet the proper criteria. Pictured above (l-r) are: Jean Moore, Hubert Gilbert, and Shirley Henderson.



## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

We recently read news reports of several men in Geneva County getting in trouble for pulling very old logs from the muddy bottom of Pea River. It seems these heart pine logs are very valuable in specialty lumber circles. Hopefully all our readers will learn from this ... we did. If the idea had hit us to go get those logs, which had been in the river for many, many years ... we would have gotten us a logging chain and pulled 'em out thinking no one cared, just like the bass fishermen picking up plastic bottles along the river. Then we would have been facing the same big fine, because, at least in our case, it would have been from lack of knowledge. After thinking about it for a week now, it is probably best the prosecution doesn't pick this uninformed country boy for that jury, not if they expect to get a conviction!

The experts said there were 32 million Americans who traveled 100 miles or more for the Thanksgiving holiday. That is a lot of folks, but is probably true. A good number of those were on I-65 while we were doing our part to make the prediction true. Thankfully, as of Monday afternoon we had not heard of any of our friends who helped make another prediction come true ... the one about how many would die in traffic accidents during the holiday season.

Our Thanksgiving turkey was actually a turducken. Having never heard of such a thing, we were looking forward with a mixture of curiosity and apprehension to what our daughter and her chef husband were planning to serve us for the noon meal last Thursday. There should have been no apprehension, as with most Cajun foods from the bayou country, it was good! Now, what is it? Turducken is a turkey, stuffed with a duck, which is in turn stuffed with a chicken ... all three fowl have been first deboned. A bit of Cajun flavored dressing is added and the whole thing stitched together to look like the original turkey and then baked in the oven. When finished it can be sliced, rather than carved. Our stuffing was a traditional Thanksgiving bread dressing, but with Cajun spices. True to their reputation, the Cajuns appreciate use whatever is handy, as some use shrimp, crawfish, Cajun sausage, oysters or broccoli and cheese to stuff the bird (s). Our natural curiosity led us to discover this dish was the brainchild of well known Cajun chef Paul Prudhomme, who had the idea sometime in the 1960's. Now we read of another Cajun who is preparing pigturduckens. Wonder just how big that pig is and how large is the roasting pan he cooks it in?

It rained in South Alabama last Saturday. It was not a slight mist nor a quick shower, it was solid rain from about 2 a. m. until ... Naturally, this was the scheduled day for the Elba Christmas Festival, which had been changed from the second week in December to avoid bad weather problems. Now the event has been rescheduled for - yep - the second week in December! The parade is going ahead Monday night (last Monday to our readers) because floats have been built, stored in buildings built for other purposes and must be "used or lost," according to Chamber of Commerce officials. It makes sense.

One proposal we heard last weekend was from a good hearted soul, even if it was unwelcomed by its audience at the time. The next time area farmers are experiencing drought conditions, just ask the Elba Chamber of Commerce to schedule a Christmas Festival! That will be the best rainmaker humans ever devised. Don't worry about setting a date which will attract a large crowd ... this event would be scheduled because Farmer Brown just needs some r-a-i-n on his parched crops.

**The Peoples Bank**  
of Elba  
will hold a reception  
the eleventh of December  
nineteen hundred and ninety-seven  
from one until three  
in the afternoon  
in honor of  
Drexel Cook  
upon his retirement  
The public is invited to attend

### Letters To The Editor Policy

The Elba Clipper encourages its readers to express their comments and views in the form of Letters to the Editor. Letters should not contain libelous material and should be in good taste. The editor reserves the right to edit all letters for style and grammar. Letters should be signed - NO UNSIGNED LETTERS WILL BE PUBLISHED! A phone number should accompany the letter for the purpose of confirming the author of the letter (Phone numbers will not be printed with letters). Address letters to: Letters to the Editor, The Elba Clipper, P.O. Drawer A, Elba, AL 36323.

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**NEW BUSINESS IN TOWN...** Another new business has opened its doors in downtown Elba. Tambo Sales Company officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony held last Friday. The new business is located just off the square at 411 West Davis Street. Those participating in the ceremony are pictured above. They are: (l-r) Renita Muller, Barbara Hudson, Melba Hollinghead, Herby McCall, Miss Elba Elizabeth Strong, Doris Matthews, Tammy Donaldson, Deuce Donaldson, Ray Rice, Elba Mayor James E. Grimes, Scott Donaldson, Vicki Senn, Vivian Donaldson, James A. Donaldson, and Junior Miss Elba Cammie Kelley (Scott Senn was standing directly behind Scott Donaldson).

### ELBA POLICE REPORT

NOVEMBER 24 Thru NOVEMBER 30, 1997

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 24, 1997, investigated the following incidents: one theft of property, one criminal mischief, three harassment, two burglaries, one arson, one criminal trespass, one unlawful use of a vehicle, one harassing communication, and one reckless driving.

The following arrest was made: one for criminal mischief. Traffic citations issued were as follows: ten for speeding, one for driving while driver's license is revoked, and one for a switched tag. Daily activity highlights were as follows:  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24** - River stage - 7.61 feet (6:34 a.m.); Routine activity.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25** - River stage - 7.99 feet (6:20 a.m.); Report of shots being fired at Burch's Trailer Court (7:13 p.m.).  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26** - River stage - 9.60 (6:35 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Skating Rink (7:26 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (9:30 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Reese Ave. (9:41 p.m.).

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27** - River stage - 9.25 feet (6:26 a.m.); Alarm at Hickman Moving & Storage (10:13 p.m.); Routine activity.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28** - River stage - 8.39 feet (6:00 a.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported in Morrow Village (6:40 p.m.); Fight reported at Mr. Henry's (9:23 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29** - River stage - 7.77 feet (6:00 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (12:35 p.m.); Alarm at Kelley Foods (4:52 p.m.).

### MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

### Radio Shack Now Open

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ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA MINISTRIES ASSN. - Tues. 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall  
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:00 p.m. City Hall  
WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6:00 p.m. City Hall  
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton  
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center  
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office  
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.  
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building  
MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.  
BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Band Room @ Elba High School  
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-3553  
COFFEE COUNTY COONHUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Clubhouse  
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Clubhouse  
AIRPORT AUTHORITY 1st Tuesday-12 Noon - City Hall Conference Room  
AARP Meet every 3rd Tuesday night of the month  
CIVIL AIR PATROL Every Monday 7:00 p.m. - Elba Airport-Dissell hangar.

This space made possible by  
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### Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of November 25, 1997 through December 1, 1997. They were: Lue Head, Quinton Conely, Judith Eiland, Jacqueline Bundy, Dalton Sewell, Brenda Lowery, Trudie Jackson, Ruby McWaters, Shawana Adams, Doris Hughes, Lawrence Davis, Chris Danley, Thelma Scott, and Lucille Armstrong.



**WONDERS OF SCIENCE DEMONSTRATED.** Members of the Elba Rotary Club were entertained on Tuesday, November 25, by Nadine Scarborough, who is a part of the Science In Motion Program provided by the Troy State University Regional Service Center. She is shown above demonstrating the effect liquid nitrogen has on a rose, an air-filled balloon, and other objects. Mrs. Scarborough travels to area schools assisting them in their study of science. The program also provides lab equipment that many of the schools cannot afford to purchase.

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## We get letters.....

Dear Editor,

Much media attention has been given to a poll released recently by the "Pew Research Center for the People and the Press" on the subject of global warming.

The poll showed that 73 percent of Americans would pay an extra nickel per gallon of gas to help combat global warming, and 60 percent stated they would pay up to 25 cents more per gallon if it would significantly reduce global warming.

These poll results appear just as world leaders prepare to meet in Kyoto, Japan, next month to sign a global warming treaty which would mandate drastic reductions in the emissions of greenhouse gases.

What has received less attention is another finding of the poll that only 19 percent of Americans believe that poor nations should be exempted from mandates such as those in the Kyoto treaty, while 70 percent stated that all countries should have to bear an equal burden.

Unfortunately, this is exactly the opposite of what the Kyoto treaty authorizes. It requires only 36 developed nations - including the U.S. - to abide by extremely strict emissions standards. Less developed nations will not be required to adhere to the treaty. They will continue to pollute freely, and there will be no significant improvement in the environment.

Even if the treaty were to bind every nation, the cost of compliance will not be a mere nickel or quarter extra per gallon of gas - some economists predict that gasoline prices will rise nearly 50 cents per gallon, and the cost of most other products will increase as well.

All this to combat a threat that may not even exist. The journal *Science*, summarizing the available data on the subject, reported just this past May that "it is not at all clear that human activities have begun to warm the planet."

The American people do not support paying enormous costs to fight an imaginary environmental crisis, while other countries pay nothing. Our leaders in Washington shouldn't even be asking them to.

Sincerely,  
John R. Hill, Ph.D.  
Alabama Family Alliance  
P.O. Box 59468  
Birmingham, AL 35259  
(205) 870-9900

Dear Editor,

What is going on? We will call a spade a spade.

There is a small segment of society that is well-funded, well-placed, and well-motivated to change this country to their lifestyle and ultra-liberal political agenda. They couldn't care less that this country was founded on, and has grown great, based on Christian principles.

They understand well that to reach the level of power of their desire, they must remove, or weaken to the point of powerlessness, two things.

First, they must take Christianity out of the picture. They must also remove from government the power of one person, one vote and rule by majority. The decree of appointed Federal Judge Ira DeMent fills all requirements - check it off:

Does it weaken Christianity? Does it take any consideration that this country was founded on, and has become great, based on Christian principles?

Does it remove or circumvent the power of the vote? Does it overcome the rule of the majority?

When our governors, senators, congressmen, superintendents, schools and other elected officials of our state, all pulling in the same direction, can be overpowered by one man who has not been nor will ever be subject to the vote of the majority - would you say that the vote has been destroyed or circumvented?

What is going on? What was unthinkable only a few years ago, is now at our door. It is time to wake up and be on the job of saving our country.

Sincerely,  
Barnett Wilson  
Rt. Payne, Ala.  
P.S. Pray for Judge DeMent. He is like Paul on the road to Damascus -- a good man, intent, but on the wrong track.

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Dear Readers,

We are fourth-grade students attending Zeeland Christian School in Zeeland, Mich.

In our Social Studies class we're studying about regions in the U.S. and we were hoping some of you would help us by sending a postcard (s) about your state and the south-east.

We would like to know about the climate, natural features, population, culture, history and religion.

Thanks a bunch!  
Sincerely,  
Michelle Steel  
Amanda Lemmen  
Zeeland Christian School  
334 West Central  
Zeeland, MI 49464

### Bellingrath Gardens schedules a Magic Christmas

For 34 nights during the Christmas season, Bellingrath Gardens will display the "Magic of Christmas" with millions of lights, festive displays, area choirs, holiday foods and much more.

### AREA DEATHS

**EDMOND BILL CAULEY**  
Mr. Edmond Bill Cauley, age 75, of Rt. 3, Opp, died Nov. 30, 1997, at Elba General Hospital.

Funeral services were held Dec. 2, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Friendship Holiness Church, with burial in Friends Cemetery, Rainer Funeral Home of Opp directing.

Survivors include his wife: Edna Cauley, Opp; mother: Pearl Cauley, Elba; one son: Thomas "Tom" Cauley, Opp; one daughter: Joan Hobbs, Elba; brother: Edward L. Cauley, Opp; mother-in-law: Ethel Andrews, Westville, Fla.

**ELMA J. CALDWELL**  
Elma J. Caldwell, age 73, of New Brockton, died Nov. 30, 1997, at Medical Center, Enterprise.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997, at 2 p.m. from Poplar Springs Baptist Church in New Brockton, with Rev. John Gray officiating.

Burial will follow in Hardshell Cemetery in Clintsville, with Sceneries Funeral Home of Enterprise directing.

The family will receive friends and relatives at 201 Petty Circle in Enterprise.

**JESSIE E. POWERS**  
Mrs. Jessie E. Powers, age 85, of Enterprise, died Nov. 26, 1997, in Elba.

Funeral services were held Nov. 29, 1997, at 10 a.m. at Chalkhead Baptist Church, in the Ewell Community, with Rev. Cary Brown and Rev. Danny Maddox officiating. Burial was in the Chalkhead Baptist Church Cemetery, with Searcy Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Lena Powers, Enterprise; two daughters and sons-in-law: Pat and Jimmy Hudson, Elba; Joan and Jess Blazer, Wayne, Mich.; two sons and daughters-in-law: John and Syle Powers, and Billy Dean and Betty Powers, all of Enterprise; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

**LORENE JACOBS HARDY**  
Mrs. Lorene Jacobs Hardy, age 75, of Rt. 1, Elba, died Nov. 25, 1997, at her home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 26, 1997, at 2 p.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Dallas Bryant and Rev. Talmadge Butler officiating.

Burial was in Shady Grove Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters: Jacky Felix, Titus; Sandy Hardy, Ft. Morgan; one son: Donny Hardy, Elba; four sisters: Nadine King, Opp; Fanny Lou Cowen, Ft. Walton, Fla.; Mary Morgan, Pensacola, Fla.; Annie Maude Brown, Andalusia; four brothers: Billy Jacobs and Roland Jacobs, Enterprise; Grover Jacobs, Montgomery, and Clay Jacobs, Miami, Fla.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

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### Coffee County EMA now on Web

The Coffee County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is now on the World Wide Web, according to Charles Webb, Director.

The Coffee County EMA web site has informative text, is easy to use, and offers information on emergency preparedness in the event of hurricanes, tornadoes, hurricanes, and hazardous chemical disasters, to name just a few of the areas noted.

Information is provided concerning other emergency support agencies, such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Web site may be visited at [www.snowhill.com/~twilkins](http://www.snowhill.com/~twilkins).

### Red Cross to hold training classes

The Coffee County Chapter of American Red Cross will hold training for those interested in becoming instructors for CPR and First Aid in January, 1998.

To attend the Instructor classes a person must be currently certified for CPR (adult, infant and child) and First Aid. A class will be scheduled in December for those needing certification or updates.

Classes in January will be held at the Enterprise Civic Center.  
January 10 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
January 12, 14, 16 - 6 - 10 p.m.  
Students must attend all classes to obtain certification.

\*From Nov. 28 - Dec. 31, 5 - 9 p.m. each evening, giant swans can be seen afloat on Mirror Lake, as well as the Fontaini Nativity scene.

\*Eighteen different varieties of poinsettias are being grown for display this year.

\*On Dec. 12, the Huntingdon College Choir will perform, and will be broadcast by WKRG-TV5 on Dec. 13.

\*Dec. 20 has been designated as Mississippi Night with all the choirs from Mississippi.

\*A Florida night has been planned, date to be announced later.

\*The Bellingrath Museum Home will be available for evening tours during the Christmas observance.

Bellingrath Gardens and Home will be closed each day from 4 - 5 p.m. and will re-open at 5 to begin "Magic Christmas in Lights."

Bellingrath's Gift Shop and Cafe will remain open to provide a holiday meal and shopping for gifts.

The adult price for the walking tour of "Magic Christmas in Lights" is \$7.00 plus tax. Children ages 5 - 11 are admitted for \$5.00 plus tax.

To tour both the "Lights" and an evening tour of Bellingrath Home, adult price is \$13.95 plus tax, and children \$9.95 plus tax.

Children four and under admitted free with adult purchase.

Discounts are available for groups, senior citizens, military and AAA members.

Daytime tours of the Gardens are available for a separate admission charge from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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We live in a time when that puts great emphasis on independence and individualism. Basically there is nothing wrong with that thinking. We should be who we are and not try to be someone else, and we should try to take care of our needs. However, as a member of a football team is only interested in his own personal goals and not the goals of the team, then the team will suffer. The same holds true for God's Team, the Church.

The Bible tells us that, "Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her, to cleanse her by the word of water, by the word of the cross, to present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, but that she should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:25-27)

The Holy Spirit will move in and among His people wherever two or three are gathered together in His Name. This body of believers has with it the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will move in and among His church comes together it will bring hurting and broken hearts back to wholeness. The body will grow stronger together than it will in single parts. Working together as a team we will accomplish more than we could work-



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## VICA Spotlight

by: Matthew Farris  
This week's VICA Spotlight focuses on Anna Hughes, an employee at the Elba Police Department.  
The Elba Police Department serves and protects Elba's citizens and strives to keep Elba safe. Anna's duties at the Elba Police Department include dispatching, and organizing and filing papers.  
She is the daughter of Janet and Ed Hughes and is a senior at Elba High School.  
Anna is an active member of VICA who serves as parliamentarian of this club. After high school, she plans to attend college where she will major in respiratory therapy or accounting.

## SGA Food Drive

by: Vaughan Boyd  
The Student Government Association sponsored a canned food drive from November 21-25. All of the goods that were collected went to the Christian Mission for needy families around Elba.  
In order to get more food, the drive turned into a class competition. The grade that turned in the most food will have a cake party on December 3. This project has been one of SGA's biggest events for the past several years, and we hope it will be a continued success.

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## Tiger Tales



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## Alabama Vs Auburn

by: Walt Russell  
No! This article is not being used to cover the ultimate football game in all of Alabama. This article is all about a page in the 1998 *Elba* which is used as a second competition.

Journalism Staff members go to students and faculty members throughout both campuses and sell slots for people's names to appear on the page under their personal favorite teams by buying a slot on the page. The funds raised go to support the making of the 1998 *Elba*.

## Elba Elementary School Menus

Dec. 8 - 12, 1997  
**Breakfast**  
Monday - Cinnamon Toast  
Cereal, Half Apple, Juice, Milk  
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Jelly, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Pancakes w/ Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Cheese Grits or Cereal, Toast w/jelly, Juice, Milk  
**Lunch**  
Monday - Chicken Fried Beef, Pasta, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Field Peas, Half Orange, Roll, Milk  
Tuesday - Hoagie Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Potato Wedges, Peas w/ Carrots, Chocolate Pudding, Milk  
Wednesday - Barbecue, Rice, Fried Okra, Whole Banana Bread, Milk  
Thursday - Chicken Fie, Butterbeans, Whole Kernel Corn, Half Apple, Milk  
Friday - Hot Dog, Potato Tots, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Milk

## Tiger Tales Editor's Corner

by: Anna Head and Elizabeth Strong  
Mrs. Calhoun recently finished a unit of instruction on the newspaper with Mrs. Armon's seventh-grade literature class. The class's final activity was "Letters to the Editors of Tiger Tales."

The students were given four issues to choose from as a topic for their letter: Discipline in Schools, School Uniforms, Year-Round Schooling, and Cafeteria Food. We decided to publish a few of these letters and give our seventh-graders a chance to express their opinions.

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wash them in. Some families do not have much money; others do not have any warm or cold water.  
Some students might not want to wear the same colors every week. During winter months girls who have on skirts will get cold. Some students would not want to wear the same uniforms every year. Some girls would not want to wear sandals every week. These are a few reasons why uniforms should not be used at Elba High School. Thank you for reading my letter.

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**Registration deadline is Jan. 8, and a fee of \$35.00 will be charged.**  
\*\*\*Child Development Workshop will be held Saturday, Jan. 24, 8 a.m. - Noon.  
This will be of interest to adults involved in public and home day care, and other programs for young children.  
Pre-registration fee is \$15 if received by Jan. 9, and \$20 after that date.  
\*\*\*Tote and Decorative Painting will be scheduled for winter quarter, Tuesdays, Jan. 13 - Feb. 17, 6 - 9 p.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 6.  
Painting will be done with acrylics on wood or metal.  
There is a \$30 fee for the course. Students may bring their own supplies - to the first class meeting - or may purchase supplies for \$30 - \$50. Additional painting supplies will be available for \$5.00 each.  
Students must be at least 12 years old, and the class is limited to 15.  
\*\*\*Intensive Novel Writing Workshop will be led by award-winning author, Bonnie Stone.  
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\*\*\*How to Preserve Your Family's Memories will be taught on Thursday, Jan. 15, 6 - 8:30. Registration deadline is Jan. 8, and there is a \$15 fee for the course.  
Learn how to create safe, meaningful, and creative family albums.  
\*\*\*Pottery Shoppe is designed for adults who have had no experience with clay as well as for those who have worked with clay in the past.  
Each student will complete at least one piece of hand-built pottery and will need to purchase a set of clay at the first session for \$6.50.  
The course will be taught by Dothan pottery master David Plunkett, and will be held on Mondays, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Jan. 12 - Feb. 23, except for Jan. 19.  
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\*\*\*Career Training Program has been scheduled for a spring quarter session. This program provides information about returning to school or entering or re-entering the

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## FFA News

by: Amanda Sanders  
The Zion Chapel Chapter of FFA met on November 12, 1997, for their monthly meeting. Daniel Fridgen, the chapter president, called the meeting to order. Daniel asked the members if they had any suggestions for the Christmas party. The party preparation was then turned over to a committee made up of the officers who will decide when and where the party will be held. Daniel then turned the floor over to Mr. McCrory to discuss the fruit sales.  
Mr. McCrory asked the members to have their sales turned in by Friday, November 14, 1997. Each member was asked to sell 10 boxes each.  
Mr. McCrory discussed the upcoming competitions. He encouraged every member to be involved in one competition. The Zion Chapel chapter is hoping to have one team in every event. The events are Public Speaking, Ag Construction and Maintenance, Floriculture, Small Engines, Nursery and Landscaping, Quilting, String Band, Livestock Judging, Land Judging, Forestry, Parliamentary Procedure, Tractor Driving, and Ag Mechanics.  
FFA members will hold practices for the events after school. Members will compete in district competition and the winners will go on to state competition. At the end of the meeting, Daniel adjourned until next month.

## FBLA Honors Teachers

by: Amanda Sanders  
A reception was given for the staff of the high school and middle schools during the Zion Chapel to honor teachers during American Education Week. Each member of the Annual Staff class, who are all members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) contributed a dish for the reception.  
The refreshments included cake, cookies, sausage balls, ham roll ups, chips and dip and a vegetable platter. A fruit platter was provided by Coffee County Teachers Association. In addition to the food, FBLA gave each of the teachers a mug on which their name had been printed with a gold point pencil.  
Mrs. Mary Herbert, math instructor, said "The refreshments were delicious. We appreciate the club remembering us." Mrs. Rebecca Jackson, secretary, said "The refreshments were wonderful. We have a great group of students and appreciate their efforts and hard work tremendously."

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Zion Chapel High School was an active participant in the annual Energy Bowl presented for several years by Alabama Power Company. This year the team was made up of five students: Ashley Nelson, Salama Shuman, Laura Williams, Michele Sawyer, and Beth Leverett.  
Mrs. Jackie Jirighe, teacher of Life Sciences, was responsible for leading up Zion's team. Mrs. Jirighe began by asking upperclassmen in her science classes who would like to participate on the team. She had to have at least four people to make up the team and had the option of having a person to serve as an alternate. This year's competition was on Thursday, November 13, 1997, at Landmark Park in Dothan, Alabama.  
This year was different because Mrs. Jirighe brought some of the students in her tenth grade class to see what the competition was like. All five members on the team this year were seniors and three of the members had competed on the team before.  
The competition was based on several booklets that Alabama Power sends to participating teachers. The teachers then give out the booklets to the team members. The members are to divide up the booklets among members and study them.  
Each member on the Z.C. team was responsible for knowing four booklets each so that every booklet would be well covered. To ensure that everyone has ample

opportunity to compete, the Energy Bowl has a double elimination policy. The members of the team remained in games, their efforts were commendable. After the competition, the team went to the Wiregrass Commons Mall for lunch.

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## Laura Williams Attends FBLA Conference

On Friday, November 7, at around 1:30 a.m., Mrs. Rachel Bryan and Laura Williams began what was to be a very exciting weekend. They were going to travel by charter bus to St. Louis, Missouri, where the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) were holding their Fall Leadership Conference.

They arrived at the Riverfront Regal around 5 p.m., just in time for the opening session. Following the opening session, there was a dance in which members could pay \$1 which would enable them to wear their blue jeans. The \$1 was to go to the National FBLA Foundation to help reduce the Foundation's debt. As State President, Laura was required to attend four workshops on Saturday. The workshops presented ideas to help set and reach goals, how to be a "FUN" leader, how to keep a busy lifestyle and still have time for yourself, and putting you into all everything that you do.

During the lunch break Mrs. Bryan and Laura toured the Riverfront. They saw the First Catholic church in St. Louis, the St. Louis Arch, and the Gateway Arch. They were transformed into restaurants, and to end their tour, they were taken to a museum.

The walk through the park was probably the most relaxing and most enjoyed part of their tour. The park was full of beautiful trees with leaves ranging from the deepest golds to the brightest reds. Later that same day, members of Alabama's FBLA and their advisors visited Union Station is similar to a mall in

**Rebels Open 1997-98 Basketball Season**  
by: Tessa Hall, Tina Johnson, and Wesley Clark  
The Zion Chapel Rebels opened their 1997-98 basketball season on November 15, 1997, against the 3A Elba Tigers. The Junior Varsity boys played the first game beginning at 5 o'clock.

The Rebels were unable to score during the first period. The Tigers had a total of ten points to end the period. ZC and Elba 10. The Rebels teammates Joey Koch and Justin Prescott each scored two points in the second period and Elba scored eight. At half-time the score was ZC 4 and Elba 18.  
In the third period, Elba went on a 13-4 run to take a commanding lead. Jason Spear and Justin Prescott did manage to score two each to tie the Rebels four points in the third period.  
Going into the fourth period the score was ZC 8 and Elba 31. The Rebels got the high score with eleven points in the fourth. Teresa Hall had six points, Tessa Hall four, Michele Sawyer four, Kendra Ward two, and Jessica Kelley had one point. The final score was ZC 28 and Elba 30.

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The Rebels got out of their slump and outscored Elba 13 to 12 bringing the score to ZC 17 and Elba 24. The Rebels were still hanging on in the third period and were outscored only by two.

Rebecca Kidd was the only scorer for the Rebels in the third period with seven points. Because of the closeness of the game, the fourth period was very exciting. The Rebels tried to hold on and win it, but were outscored by Elba 8 to 6. Michele Sawyer scored two points and Rebecca Kidd added four. Rebecca was the high scorer with eleven points in the fourth. Teresa Hall had six points, Tessa Hall four, Michele Sawyer four, Kendra Ward two, and Jessica Kelley had one point. The final score was ZC 28 and Elba 30.

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that it has many specialty shops along Hymus Act, which was to be a part of the night's entertainment.  
Following the closing session members attended movie dance. At 4 a.m. Sunday morning, Mrs. Bryan and Laura loaded the tour bus for their return to Alabama. Needless to say, they both slept quite a bit on the long trip home from St. Louis.



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Views from...

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The local chapter of the Mularz family stayed close to home for the Thanksgiving holiday, but that didn't mean the girls had to eat sandwiches. A Thanksgiving dinner complete with turkey, cornbread dressing, dumplings, cheese potatoes, string beans, corn, rolls and coconut cake was spread out for all to enjoy, and even the dog got in on the fun as he got the chance to sample the leftovers. Oh yea, we also caught up on our sleep later in the afternoon.

### SCANNING THE DIAL IN SPORTS...

\*\*\*The Elba Tigers improved their record to 2-0 last week with a big win over the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Tigers didn't really play all that well on offense, but really got after the Gamecocks on the defensive end of the court, and it was the Tigers' defense that made the win possible. I talked with Coach Marlon Johnston after the win, and although he wasn't exactly thrilled with his team's play, he did admit that being 2-0 beats being 0-2, and promised that his team will continue to work hard and try to improve as it learns his system. This year's team isn't filled with any superstars, but it does play hard, and with a little luck could get a lot of wins as the season rolls along.

\*\*\*The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament last week in New Brockton, and despite the fact the girls were blown out in all three games, the players learned a little more about the sport of basketball, and should put that experience to work as the season rolls along. Face it, the Lady Tigers are not going to win many games this season with only a handful of girls on the team, including no seniors. However, Elba High School has made the move to field a girl's team, and the team's record this season means nothing. There is only one place the girls can learn to play the game, and that place is on the basketball court. Better days are ahead, but it will take a while before the Lady Tigers take a step toward becoming a winning team.

\*\*\*The Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament was held in New Brockton last week and the Gamecock gym was packed on all three days as high school basketball fans took advantage of the large field to watch as many as eight games a day for the three day event. Tournaments are hard work for the host team, but fun for everyone involved, and last week's tournament proved that tournaments are fun for the fans, as well as the players. Good job!

\*\*\*The high school football playoffs will enter the semifinal round this week and for area football fans there is only one game in town, with that being the Highland Home-Luverne battle up in Highland Home. Luverne is really the only area team left in the hunt, which means that the Wiregrass is already bouncing the roundball.

\*\*\*Alabama's Coach Mike DuBose struck quickly last week in his announcement that four assistant coaches had been given their walking papers. Everyone knew that coaches would be made at Tuscaloosa; however, Coach DuBose made the changes quicker than many thought, and didn't win very many friends with the ousting of assistant Woody McCortey. Coach DuBose brought in "his staff" just one year ago and everyone thought it was an excellent staff, but after a 4-7 season the Bama head man felt it was time to make changes. Most head coaches make changes when their job is on the line, and that is what could very well happen next if DuBose's new staff fails to come through with the wins and kind of play Alabama fans demand.

\*\*\*Alabama assistant coach Bruce Arians wasn't really around long enough to get much done at Alabama, and while I don't know the coach or feel he did that great a job, it is hard to believe that his true worth as a coach could be based on how his offense did with the likes of Freddie Kitchens at quarterback. Arians didn't have enough time to put in his system, or even bring in the players needed to run the system efficiently. As far as "The Call" that Bama fans felt led to the loss to Auburn, I think former Georgia Tech coach Pepper Rodgers said it best when he stated that a surgeon could operate on a patient, the patient could die, and the family would still get a bill for \$15,000. However, if a college football player drops a pass, the coach gets fired. Just something to think about.

## AREA BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Dec. 4

Elba at Zion Chapel (B-G-V) 5:00  
Straughn at New Brockton (B-G-V) 4:30

### Friday, Dec. 5

Elba at Opp (B-G-V) 5:00  
Kinston at New Brockton (7B-8B-9G-B-G-V) 3:00  
Zion Chapel at Goshen (B-G-V) 5:00

### Saturday, Dec. 6

G.W. Long at New Brockton (B-G-V) 2:00

### Monday, Dec. 8

Coppinville at Elba (7G-7B) 5:30  
New Brockton at Daleville (7B-8B-8G) 4:30

### Tuesday, Dec. 9

Elba at Headland (B-G-V) 5:00  
Kinston at Houston Academy (B-G-V) 5:00  
New Brockton at Goshen (B-G-V) 4:30  
Brantley at Straughn (G-B-V) 5:00

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## Sports

### Improve record to 2-0

## Tigers cage Gamecocks 48-41

The Elba Tigers continued their early-season success last Tuesday night by posting an exciting 48-41 win over the New Brockton Gamecocks, in Elba.

The win pushed Elba's record to 2-0, while New Brockton slipped to 1-1 with the loss.

Both teams came out playing aggressive on both ends of the court, but neither team could find the basket, and after three minutes of action Elba held a slim 3-0 advantage.

A putback by Kellen Cole gave the Gamecocks their first lead of the game at 6-5 with 1:46 left in the opening stanza; however, the Tigers staged a late rally and grabbed an 11-6 lead on baskets by Mark Wicker, Derrick Duncan and Eric Jordan.

Elba increased its lead to 15-9 with 4:48 left in the second quarter on a steal and lay-up by Eric Jordan, but New Brockton refused to let the Tigers blow the game open, and staged a rally of their own to take a 16-15 lead with 2:28 left in the half on a basket by Pete Harrison.

Derrick Thigpen sparked the Tigers late in the stanza with two baskets in a span of 32-seconds, and at the half the Tigers went in with a 23-18 lead over their cross-county rivals.

Elba owned a 27-22 lead with 6:02 left in the third quarter after two free-throws by Mark Wicker, only to see New Brockton get hot on the offensive end of the court, and score six straight points to move ahead 28-27 with 4:03 left in the period.

A tip-in by Derrick Thigpen gave the Tigers a 29-28 lead with 2:23 left in the stanza, and the Tigers outscored the Gamecocks 5-0 down the stretch to carry a 34-28 lead into the final stanza.

Elba's lead grew to 36-28 with 7:49 left in the game on a driving lay-up by Eric Jordan, and it appeared as if the Tigers would finally take command.

The Gamecocks had other ideas, however, and behind the play of Jason Allums cut the Elba lead to 39-36 with 3:16 left on the clock.

The Gamecocks were still within three points at 42-39 with :56 remaining on the clock, but Eric Jordan hit on four of six free-throw attempts, over a 23-second span, and the Tigers held on to throw the Gamecocks 48-41.

Eric Jordan scored 14 points to lead Elba, while Jason Allums led New Brockton with 19.

ELB 11 12 11 14 - 48  
NB 6 12 10 13 - 41

Elba (48): Thigpen 8, Siler 6, Wicker 6, Ware 4, Jordan 14, Duncan 4, Murdock 1, Coleman 5.

N.B. (41): Allums 19, Lewis 6, McKenzie 4, Cole 7, Harrison 5.

### (GIRLS' GAME)

The Elba Lady Tigers saw their record dip to 1-1 with a lopsided 54-18 loss to the (2-0) New Brockton Lady Gamecocks.

The Lady Tigers held their own against the talented Lady Gamecocks early in the game, and grabbed a 16-12 lead with 2:28 left in the half on a three-pointer by Lindsey Jarrell, only to see New Brockton rally late to take a 19-16 halftime advantage.

New Brockton opened the second half determined to take charge, however, and did just that as the Lady Gamecocks outscored Elba 25-0 in the third quarter to grab a 4-16 lead.

The fourth quarter was more of the same, as New Brockton outscored the Lady Tigers 10-2 to claim the big 54-18 win.

Lindsey Jarrell scored 10 points to lead Elba, while Dawn Owens scored 21 points and Lasanta Cole added 20 for the Lady Gamecocks.

NB 8 11 25 10 - 54  
EL 6 10 0 2 - 18

N.B. (54): Cole 20, Owens 21, Burrows 8, Smith 5.

Elba (18): Jarrell 5, Daniels 3, Boyd 2, Frederick 4, McKinnon 4.

### (B.GAME)

The Elba B team improved its record to 2-0 with an easy 51-28 win over New Brockton.

The Tigers jumped out to a 16-7 lead by the end of the first quarter, extended their lead to 31-13 by the end of the half, and coasted in with the win.

Wayne Reed scored 33 points to lead Elba, while Andre Flowers scored 13 for New Brockton.

Elba (51): Lawford 3, Hodge 2, Reed 33, Kelley 2, Hill 7, Stoudemire 4.

N.B. (28): Flowers 13, Davis 2, Streeter 11, Anderson 2.



Elba's Coach Marlon Johnston talks with members of his team during a time out. The Tigers will travel to Opp Friday night to battle the Bobcats in an important clash for both teams.

## Coach Johnston says Tigers must improve

The Elba Tigers improved their record to 2-0 last week with a big win over cross-county rival New Brockton, but despite the Tigers' early-season success, Coach Marlon Johnston is far from pleased with his team's play, and insists the Tigers will have to improve to continue to win.

"We are 2-0 and that certainly

beats being 0-2," said Coach Johnston, "but we haven't played real well in either game and still have a long way to go before we can be competitive with some of the teams on our schedule."

"The defense played better in spots in the win over New Brockton," added Johnston, "especially

with off-side help near the goal. We had some problems with their pressure, and it was because we were impatient and trying to get down the court too quickly. We just have to keep on working hard on all aspects of the game and dedicate ourselves to doing what it takes in practice to improve in the games."

## Two state champions are still alive as prep football playoffs enter semifinals

The Alabama High School Athletic Association's "State Football Playoffs" will enter the semifinals round this week, with only two defending champions left in the hunt for a trip to Birmingham's "Super Six."

Billingsley scored the only points of the night on a punt return with 24 left to eliminate defending 1A champ Maplesville 6-0, while the top game in 2A was held in Montgomery, where Luverne needed a blocked extra-point try late in the game to escape with a 17-16 win over Montgomery Academy.

Alciville pulled off its second

upset in as many weeks with a 23-6 win over UMS-Wright, and in 4A T.R. Miller kept its hopes alive with an 11-8 win over Handley.

Blount stayed alive in its try to repeat in 5A with a 35-12 win over Shaw, and in 6A defending champ Jeff Davis was upset by Benjamin Russell 17-14.

Top games this week will find Tuscaloosa County battling heads

up in a 2A clash against undefeated Good Hope; Luverne heading up the road for a cross-county clash with Highland Home in 2A; and Verbena putting its perfect record on the line against Billingsley in 1A.

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the line against powerful Alexandria in 4A; Colbert County looking to make it back to Birmingham in a 3A clash against undefeated Good Hope; Luverne heading up the road for a cross-county clash with Highland Home in 2A; and Verbena putting its perfect record on the line against Billingsley in 1A.

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### A.H.S.A.A. PLAYOFF RESULTS

Class 1A: Billingsley 6 Maplesville 0

Verben 28 American Co. 7

Parrish 27 Marion Co. 7

Westbrook Ch. 26 Addison 23

Class 2A: Highland Home 30 Cottonwood 14

Luverne 17 Montgomery Ac. 16

Springville 42 Woodland 22

Class 3A: Alciville 23 UMS-Wright 6

Colbert Co. 28 Plainview 9

Good Hope 43 Pisgah 6

Class 4A: Lincoln 34 Sulligent 26

Greensboro 14 Lanett 6

T.R. Miller 11 Handley 8

Alexandria 35 Midfield 12

Deshler 50 Munford 6

Class 5A: Blount 35 Shaw 14

Springville 12 Handley 8

Class 6A: Ben. Russell 17 Jeff Davis 14

Vestavia Hills 22 Central PC 19

Jess Lanier 21 Walker 8

Tuscaloosa Co. 24 Oxford 20

### SEMIFINAL PAIRINGS

Class 1A: Verben 13-0 at Billingsley (1-2)

Westbrook Ch. (11-2) at Parrish

Class 2A: Luverne (11-2) at Highland Home

(10-3)

Springville (12-1) at Sand Rock

(11-1)

Class 3A: Alciville (11-2) at Lincoln (8-5)

Colbert Co. (11-2) at Good Hope

(13-0)

Class 4A: T.R. Miller (12-1) at Greensboro

(10-3)

Deshler (12-0) at Alexandria (11-0)

Class 5A: Blount (10-3) at Sylacauga (11-0)

Scottdale (10-2) at Etowah (11-1)

Class 6A: Vestavia Hills (12-1) at Ben. Russell

(11-2)

Tuscaloosa Co. (10-3) at Jess Lanier

(11-2)

### Lose three games in tournament

## Elba Lady Tigers see record slip to 1-4

The Elba Lady Tigers competed in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament, last week in New Brockton, and dropped three straight decisions to see their record for the season drop to 1-4.

Following are highlights of all three tournament games:  
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ELBA 26

The Elba Lady Tigers opened

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Kayla Peak - Geneva  
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#### Boy's Tournament

Jeremy Osborn - Kinston  
Josh Grantman - Zion Chapel  
Victor Broxton - Geneva  
Charlie Utley - Geneva  
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Tony Head - Opp  
Jeffery Reed - Opp  
Adrian Horstead - Opp

## New Brockton wins one of three games in tournament

The New Brockton Gamecocks competed in the Coffee County Thanksgiving Tournament last week in New Brockton and claimed one win in three games to push their season record to 1-3.

Following are highlights of the tournament action:

#### NEW BROCKTON 47

GENEVA 44  
The New Brockton Gamecocks outscored Geneva 6-1 in the closing minutes of the game to edge the Panthers 47-44, in opening round action.

The Gamecocks trailed 15-12 after one quarter of play, but rallied early in the second stanza and moved on top 16-15 with 6:34 left in the half.

The teams came out for the second half knotted at 24-24; however, New Brockton began to take command and led 31-37 with 3:19 left in the game, only to see the Panthers rally and take the win.

Following are highlights of the Rebels' three games in the tournament:

#### ARITON 64

ZION CHAPEL 51

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw Arton pull away in the final stanza to claim a 64-51 win, in opening round action.

Kinston (44): Allums 9, Lunsford 2, Lewis 12, McKenzie 5, Cole 9, Harrison 10.

Geneva (44): Taylor 6, Broxton 5, Charles 6, Johnson 7, Sims 9, Scobie 11.

#### OPP 52

N.B. 36

The New Brockton Gamecocks failed to score a point in the opening 7:38 of the game and never recovered as the Opp Bobcats downed the Gamecocks 52-36, in second round action.

The Bobcats jumped out to a 16-0 lead before Jason Allums hit a three-pointer with :22 left in the opening stanza to put the Gamecocks on the scoreboard, and Opp carried a 28-16 lead in at the half.

The Rebels extended their lead to 45-29 by the end of the third quarter and rolled to the big win.

Jason Allums scored 13 points to lead New Brockton, while Vincini Smith led Opp with 12.

Opp (52): Smith 12, Mahomes 2, Horstead 3, Bell 9, Anderson 3, Reed 1, Head 10, Stoudemire 11, Lane 1.

N.B. (36): Allums 13, Williams 3, Lewis 2, McKenzie 6, Cole 5, Evans 4, Toole 1, Harrison 2.

#### ARITON 73

NEW BROCKTON 50

The New Brockton Gamecocks saw Arton pull ahead early and then pull away in the third quarter as the Gamecocks fell to the Purple Cats 73-50, in third round action.

The Gamecocks saw a 12-8 first quarter deficit grow to a 31-21 halftime lead for the Purple Cats; however, the difference in the game came in the third quarter as the "Cats outscored the Gamecocks 30-12 to blow the game open and take

complete command.

Kenton McKenzie and Kellen Cole both scored 11 points to lead New Brockton, while Rondrae Walker scored 23 for Arton.

Arton (73): Crenshaw 2, Boswell 9, Dawkins 2, Griswold 14, Williams 18, Walker 23, Riley 3, Morgan 2.

N.B. (50): Allums 8, Lunsford 1, Lewis 6, Kinsaul 2, Toole 2, Harrison 5, McKenzie 11, Cole 11.

#### GENEVA 48

NEW BROCKTON 44

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and could never catch up as they were upset by Geneva 48-44, in opening round action.

The Lady Gamecocks trailed 30-20 at the half, but staged a third quarter rally that cut the deficit to 36-34, only to fall short in the fourth quarter and take the loss.

Lasanta Cole scored 18 points to lead New Brockton, while Dawn Owens added 11 and Crystal Burrows scored 10. Kayla Peak scored 18 points to lead Geneva.

N.B. (44): Cole 18, Owens 11, Burrows 10, Smith 1, Brewer 2, Jones 2.

#### GENEVA 48

NEW BROCKTON 44

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks led all the way to down the Elba Lady Tigers 52-37, in third round action.

The Lady Gamecocks jumped out to a 12-0 lead with 4:09 left in the opening stanza, opened up a 19-6 lead with 5:08 left in the half, and easily held on to post the big win.

Dawn Owens scored 29 points to lead New



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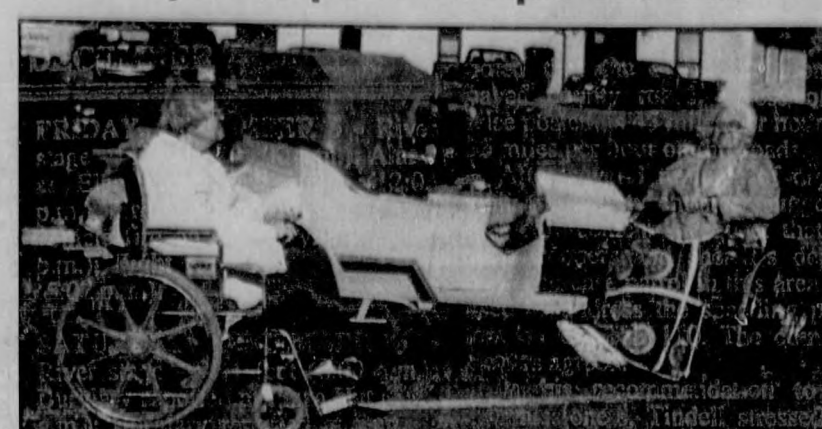
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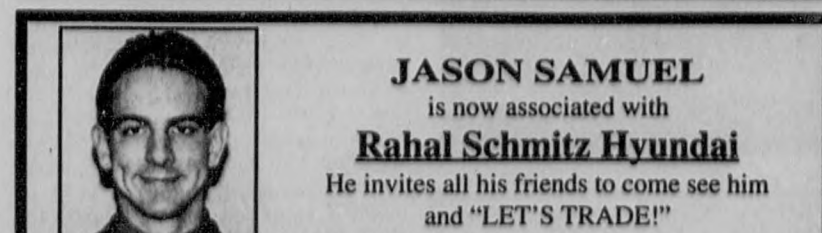
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Troopers launched their first saturation patrols on November 16, in Clark, Jefferson, Marengo and Walker counties. Saturation patrols in other counties of the state will soon follow.  
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## Ft. Rucker Lake could be state park

An area lake could soon be re-built and the surrounding area transformed into a new state park, according to Sen. Dwight Adams.  
Officials are seeking to rebuild the spillway on Lake Tholocco on the Ft. Rucker military reservation. Sen. Adams is asking the legislature to appropriate \$2 million of a proposed \$100 million state parks bond issue that will be considered in the 1998 regular session, which begins in January.  
The U.S. Army would be asked to transfer the land to the state.  
"I met with Gov. Fob James and Dept. of Conservation Commissioner Jim Martin, and they are very supportive of restoring the 600-acre lake," said Sen. Adams.  
This recreational facility would provide recreation for our entire area and would attract tourists from across the Southeast. Visitors could go fishing, camping, hiking and picnicking.  
The lake would be a valued addition to the Alabama State Parks system, according to Commissioner Martin.  
"Sen. Adams and area representatives deserve a lot of credit for their commitment to this project," said Martin. "This is an ideal way to restore Lake Tholocco to its original splendor. The Game and Fish Dept. would stock it with fish and it would be available to everyone. It's a feasible project and should be done, and hopefully officials at Ft. Rucker will make the land available."  
The lake and surrounding land belonged to the Alabama Dept. of Conservation before World War II, but was transferred to the Army for construction of Ft. Rucker.  
The lake, named for the Creek Indian name given to Sam Dale, was drained several years ago when the spillway washed away in a flood.

## Unemployment tax rates to increase

Even though unemployment tax rates for most Alabama employers will increase beginning Jan. 1, 1998, Alabama's rates remain among the lowest in the nation.  
Dottie Blair Cieszynski, director of the Alabama Dept. of Industrial Relations, said the minimum tax rate will be .35 percent on the first \$8,000 of wages earned by each employee. Approximately 70 percent of all Alabama employers are assessed at the minimum rate.  
Rates are determined once a year and can fluctuate according to the level of reserves in the State Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund and other factors.  
Revenue generated by this tax is deposited in the State Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, Ms. Cieszynski noted, and is used to pay unemployment benefits to laid-off workers.  
After an unprecedented four years on Tax Schedule A, the tax rates for next year will use Schedule B.  
"This was expected and should be considered normal," said Ms. Cieszynski. "Schedule A is designed to deliberately reduce the level of the Trust Fund by paying out more money than is collected. Schedule B is designed to break even."  
There will be an extra .40 percent added to the 1998 unemployment insurance tax rates for those employers who pay rates higher than the minimum, and to minimum-rated employers who have had benefit charges during the three fiscal years.  
This is to cover "shared costs," which are unemployment expenses which cannot be directly charged to any specific employer. The "shared costs" assessment for 1997 was .30 percent.

## Time short for crop insurance

USDA/Risk Management Agency has announced the sales closing date for 1998 crop insurance is Dec. 31, 1997, for potatoes in Alabama and North Florida.  
Sales closing dates are significant since the sign-up for insurance, changing the crop insured or level of protection, and changing insurance providers must be done prior to the announced date. Sales closing dates vary by crop and location.  
Beginning with the 1998 crop year, crop insurance is available exclusively through crop insurance agents. USDA will continue to subsidize all policies, establish policy terms and conditions, set rates, and guarantee funds for payment of approved claims.  
Although policies previously serviced by USDA in 1997 will be transferred randomly from USDA to insurance companies, producers have the right to choose their own agent prior to the sales closing date for the insured crop.  
To ensure that all producers are served, insurance companies are required to insure all eligible crops, and provide all levels of coverage in the states in which they operate.  
Producers are encouraged to contact their agent for assistance during this period of transition.  
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Stan Windham - County Extension Agent

## Feeding horses in cold weather in Coffee County

In general, horses easily cope with cold temperatures. In early winter a mature, healthy horse is comfortable at 30 degrees F.

After the horse develops a full haircoat (about one inch long) and its skin thickens slightly, it can be comfortable at 15 degrees F.

Young horses, thin horses and horses which are kept in a barn that have not developed winter hardiness may be cold at 30 to 40 degrees F. Wet or windy days can decrease the insulating ability of the horse's haircoat so that the horse may feel cold at higher temperatures.

Because weather temperatures in Coffee County often change overnight from warm to very cold, horses often may not have time to acclimate to cold temperatures.

Horse owners can help their horses remain comfortable throughout winter by slightly changing feeding management during cold temperatures.

Horses require more feed during cold weather because they will utilize energy to maintain their body temperature. In general, they should receive 15 percent more feed for every 10 degrees F below freezing.

The extra feed should be in the form of good to high quality roughage rather than grain. Roughages provide more heat than grains because roughages are fermented and digested in the horse's intestinal tract while grains are mainly digested. Fermentation produces more heat than digestion alone, and it is a slower process than digestion, so the heat lasts longer.

Additionally, roughages take longer to eat than grains, and the slight activity helps the horse stay warm. If possible, horse owners should try to feed their horses several hours before a winter storm rather than during the storm. Digestion increases blood flow to the horse's internal organs and decreases blood to the extremities and muscles, reducing the horse's ability to stay warm.

Fresh, clean water should be available to horses during winter. On cold, dry days, the horse loses a large amount of water through respiration. This water must be replaced to keep the horse healthy.

Although the horse's water con-

sumption will decrease during cold weather, the horse will still drink 8-12 gallons of water daily.

During sudden onset of cold weather, they may not drink enough water to keep their digestive system functioning well, resulting in impaction colic.

Horse owners may need to offer horses warm (50-60 degrees) water during extremely cold temperatures to encourage drinking. Normally, they drink after they eat hay and grain, so water should be offered (or ice broken on water troughs) after they are fed.

Richard Petcher - County Extension Agent

## Time to update our Newsletter

Thank God The Peanuts Are In Celebration

One of the most rewarding parts of my job is working with the other farmers I call "The Real McCoy's."

At the suggestion of Mr. Bill Watson of New Brockton and Mr. Dallas Hartzog, Auburn University Peanut Specialist and others, we will be holding a Thank God The Peanuts Are In Celebration for older farmers (70 and above) and their wives.

This will be in New Brockton on Dec. 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center. Dallas Hartzog and our former Peanut Specialist Dean Bond will be our guest speakers. The 4-H Peanut Essay Winners will be there to present their essays. There will also be some special music.

This will be a sponsored dinner and there will be plenty of time for sharing memories. The best part of this get-together will be seeing old friends.

These "Real McCoy's" are the men and women who carved out the agriculture industry that we have today.

One of 10 commodity division finalists will be named Alabama's 1997 Outstanding Young Farm Family.

Forty-eight contestants from across the state will compete for the title of Miss Alabama Agriculture 1998.

The organization's voting delegates will decide federation policy on a wide range of issues.

NEWSLETTERS From time to time we update and purge our mailing lists. The news-

Angela Hughes - County Extension Agent

## Dealing with holiday shopping

MAIL ORDER SHOPPING

Many Coffee County residents are beginning to think about Christmas and are wishing they could find an easy way to shop. For the growing number of families in which all adults are employed, catalog shopping is a convenient way to gain extra leisure time.

Simple changes in shopping habits can provide savings, decrease driving and shopping time, and allow you to compare prices and products.

Well-designed mail order catalogs offer excellent product information, including pictures, descriptions and prices to be used in making comparisons and decisions. These can be viewed at your leisure.

Shopping at home is becoming a popular time- and energy-saver. With increasing demands on time, more consumers are trying to save time and energy as well as cut expenses. Mail order shoppers are finding that it makes good sense to order and have items delivered to the home.

A mail order catalog is an ideal salesman that is available on call and is never rude to the customer. Toll-free telephone numbers and the use of credit cards have combined with computerized inventory systems to make today's catalog ordering simpler and more efficient.

If you plan to shop by mail this holiday season, now is the time to make decisions; deliveries on mail orders may take 30 days or longer.

To avoid disappointments, do your mail order shopping early.

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the item can be charged to your account and sent to you on approval.

Dealing with the Holiday Gift List The holidays are just around the corner and many children are already writing their holiday gift lists. Those lists can be hard for parents to deal with, especially if money is tight or if the lists include items parents feel are inappropriate.

So how do parents handle these challenges? First, parents should discuss the lists with their children. This can give parents clues to gifts that do fit in the family budget and satisfy children's basic interests.

For example, if a child's list is full of highly priced construction and building toys, a less expensive dump truck or moderately-priced snap-together building block set may be good choices.

Parents might also share the lists with grandparents and others who often give their child a gift. Parents might not be able to afford several fashion dolls and new wardrobe. But a parent could buy a doll and suggest that grandparents give a gift of several outfits for the new doll.

If children are asking for expensive items or ones you feel are inappropriate, discuss this situation early with them. Letting them know early that Mom and Dad cannot afford a new CD player can ease disappointment later on. Ask them if there's another gift they might be interested in.

If a toy is inappropriate, talk about that as well. Many parents don't like their children to play with toy guns, knives and the like. Even though children know these rules, they may still ask for them.

During your talk, some children, especially younger boys, may counter that Santa will bring that gift. One possible response is that Santa does not bring toys he knows parents are not comfortable with.

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and often fades more quickly when parents take time to play with their children and their new toys.

Susan L. Taylor-Extension Agent Healthy holiday eating

Eating healthily is often hard to do during holidays. There's too many sweets tempting us all. You can still enjoy these treats - the key is moderation and balance.

Here are some tips to get you through those deliciously tempting times.

If you are planning to attend a dinner party in the evening, prepare in advance. Eat small, lower calorie meals during the day so you can have a special treat later. Eat a healthy snack right before the party so you won't eat too much when you get to the party.

Offer to make a dessert or food item for the party you are attending. Then use a low-fat recipe to make the item.

At the party, make only one trip to the food table and be selective about the foods you choose. Get small helpings of food; often all you need is a little taste to satisfy a craving or your curiosity.

If your host insists you get second servings, try to get smaller servings both the first and second time. This way, you are still eating a "normal" size rather than double the food.

When choosing which food to eat, avoid fried foods and get more of breads, fruits and vegetables. If you are having vegetables with a dip sauce, get enough dip on your vegetable to lightly cover the end. Choose skinless white meat of chicken. It has less fat and calories than dark meat.

Eating a roll is fine - eat it with very little or no margarine or butter. Finally, a word of advice to those trying to lose weight during the holiday season - be realistic: losing weight is hard to do during this time of year. A better goal is to aim to keep your weight as it is and not gain any more.

The American Cancer Institute reports most adults gain an average of six pounds during the holidays. Remember, you can eat healthy and still have fun during the holidays.

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## Commission stretches meeting

by Marvin McLain - Editor

Coffee County commissioners stretched their meeting to thirty minutes with no new or old business on Monday's meeting agenda.

Most of the meeting involved housekeeping chores and appointments.

Commissioners "cleaned up" the wording on the motion made at the last meeting to patch the parking lot at the Enterprise YMCA complex.

Added to the motion was that the work be done in accordance with the contract between Coffee County and the YMCA. The facility is used as a voting place during elections.

Commission Chairman Robert Stephens presented a recommendation from Probate Judge William O. Gannall that Bob Edmondson's employment as chief clerk in the Elba office be approved.

Nell Harrison, who is the present chief clerk in the Elba office, has announced her retirement.

Probate Judge Gannall noted in his written recommendation that "due to Mr. Edmondson's experience and management abilities I requested that his starting salary be \$24,000.00 per year."

The judge further stated that Edmondson's employment would begin on January 1, 1998 and because of Harrison's accrued vacation time, there will be approximately 3 months of overlapping employment of the clerk - Harrison and Edmondson.

Stephens commented, "There are two positions in the county which require - by law - the approval of the county commission in the hiring and

salary pay scale. They are the chief clerk's position in both the probate judge's office and the revenue commissioner's office."

The clerks serve at the pleasure of the judge and revenue commissioner; however, both, according to Stephens, require the approval of the county commission.

Commissioners voted to present Nell Harrison with a resolution commending her on her service to Coffee County for more than 40 years.

Also, Betty Anderson, a clerk in the revenue commissioner's office in Enterprise, will be presented with a resolution commending her for her service to the county. She is retiring after 18 years.

Both ladies will be presented the formal resolutions at the next commission meeting.

Turning to other business, the commission made appointments to the Coffee County Public Building Authority and the Wiregrass Resource Commission and Development Committee.

Forin Cox, representing District 1; Billy G. Mixon, representing District 7; and Oris Farris, representing District 4; were all re-appointed to a six-year term on the public building authority.

The authority is responsible for the construction of the Enterprise Courthouse.

Commissioners Robert Stephens and Bernest Brooks were both re-appointed to serve on the Wiregrass R.C. & D. Committee.

Approval was also given to Phil Rugg, county maintenance supervisor, to employ someone as the custodian of the county health department

building.

The salary range was set at between \$5.73 and \$6.00 per hour depending on the experience of the individual being hired.

During the "general business from commissioners" portion of the meeting, Commissioner Kaye Lewis asked the county engineer about the possibility of placing speed limit signs on Co. Rd. 110 in the Chestnut Grove, Frisco, and Roston communities.

Lewis stated that he had been getting numerous complaints of speeders on this road.

"This road goes all the way from the Dale County line. I'm getting complaints from people in Roston all the way across there," said Lewis.

"It's a straight shot to the Zion Chapel School and they just fly through there."

County Engineer Randy Tindell

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CITY HALL TO BE BROUGHT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH ADA STANDARDS

## Elba City Council holds two for one meeting

by Fern Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council handled all it's December business in one evening, meeting the legally required twice monthly schedule by adjourning one session and reconvening five minutes later for the second of the month. This should complete the official council business until after the new year. All members were present for these meetings.

The first meeting was over in four minutes, yet the city officials heard a report by the police chief and voted to pay outstanding monthly bills to Elba.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported an investigator is out following

ing surgery, several officers have been in school for continuing education and others are scheduled to attend classes on Monday and Tuesday of next week.